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14 September 1964

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. Larry Houston informed the group that our early retirement bill will go to the floor of the Senate on Wednesday, 16 September. Senator Russell has designated Senator Saltonstall to manage the bill. Efforts are being made to persuade the House to accept the Senate bill if it is passed. There certainly would not be time for the bill to go to conference, and this is the only hope of getting the bill enacted this year.

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b. The Director told Larry Houston that there is some uncertainty and misunderstanding at the White House about CIA papers going into the Kennedy Library. The question has two parts: (1) what CIA papers can go into the Library, and (2) what prohibition or restriction do we wish to place on Presidential papers having to do with CIA? The Director asked Larry to clear up this problem.

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2. I checked with [REDACTED] to see whether anything had transpired during my absence about which I should know. They both gave me negative reports.

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3. [REDACTED] buzzed to say that Peter Jessop at the White House told him that General Starbird would conduct an investigation of communications with Saigon over the weekend of 12-13 September. I checked with General [REDACTED] on this. He reported that he thought our performance was quite good. Fifty-six FLASH messages were sent over the weekend via our circuits, 26 of which were originated by the CIA station. The maximum transit time was two hours; the minimum, 28 minutes. The average time was one hour and twenty minutes, which is a pretty good performance. I told [REDACTED] that he need do nothing further about this except to be prepared to respond when and if an inquiry should be made.

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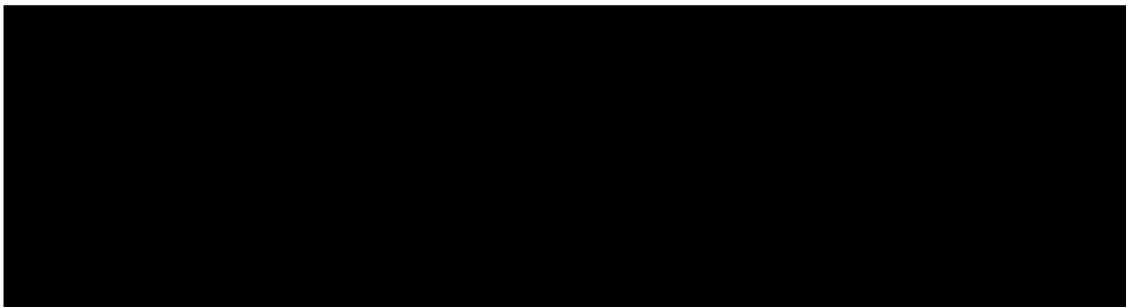
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5. Mr. Kirkpatrick inquired whether there was any legal prohibition against contracting for printing. This question grew out of some work which [redacted] a public relations consultant, is doing in connection with our recruitment brochure. He wanted to have the brochure printed in New York. I told Kirk that, while I did not believe there was any legal prohibition, I recommended against this since we can almost certainly do the work in our own plant and since we might be vulnerable to Congressional criticism if it should become known that we are contracting with a New York firm for this service.

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7. Later [redacted] sent me for my review and concurrence prior to dispatch General Carter's letter to the Bureau of the Budget about our executive pay scale. The Bureau had questioned placing the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates and the Chairman of the USIB Watch Committee on the executive pay scale. General Carter defended the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates but conceded the Chairman of the USIB Watch Committee. However, he intends to use one of our four "at large" positions for [redacted] in this capacity. I advised Hank that, while I hated to use up one of our "at large" positions, all things considered I thought that this was the proper action at this time.

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8. [redacted] told me that [redacted] had reported to the Director that a roaring drunk woman from New London, Connecticut, had called him a couple of times sometime during the week before 9 September. She implied that she had something to tell about CIA and alleged that she was formerly

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married to a senior CIA official named [REDACTED] (I asked [REDACTED] to see what he can find out about this and to let me know.)

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9. I conferred with Mr. Kirkpatrick to receive any information he wanted to pass on to me about happenings during my absence.

a. Apparently there has been considerable unhappiness with the General Counsel's office regarding the retroactive aspects of the new pay bill, especially insofar as the executive salaries are concerned, and there are plans afoot to have [REDACTED] devote his time primarily to being the Deputy General Counsel and to get someone else to run the Legislative Counsel's program. In this connection, there was also considerable unhappiness because of [REDACTED] departure. According to Kirk, Mike would not have resigned had he known that the Legislative Counsel's job could have been his. They also plan to beef up this office, and they want [REDACTED] for assignment to it.

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c. Kirk advised me that the question of how we are going to handle communications in Europe and Africa is still up in the air.

d. Kirk asked me to have the Office of Personnel look into a problem involving [REDACTED] whose consultant fee of \$50 a day seems pretty inadequate. I undertook to do this and suggested that we could put him in a WAE status if he would prefer. We probably should also undertake to get our authorization raised, which would take legislation. (See my memorandum to the Director of Personnel and General Counsel.)

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e. Kirk confided in me that he has someone looking into Paul Chretien's function to advise us on how to proceed. (Apparently this is not much clearer than it was when I went on leave.)

f. I accepted an invitation to Kirk's house for a buffet supper for the University Associates on 2 November.

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